Members of C.B.D.T.

2651. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present members of C.B.D.T.;

(b) whether the career record of all such members is thoroughly clean or whether at any time in their career any of them had to face enquiries, suspension or any punishment;

(c) what is the criterion for appointment of C.B.D.T. members; and

(d) whether there are complaints against the present C.B.D.T.??

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Apart from Shri N. R. Sivaswamy, Chairman, S/Shri T. S. Srinivasan, N. I. Rangachary, B. K. Sinha, D. B. Lal and C. Khushaldas are the Members of C.B.T.D.

(b) As per the records, no disciplinary proceedings were initiated against any of the present Members of the CBDT in the past. Neither any of the present Members of the CBDT was suspended nor was any punishment awarded to any of them.

(c) The general practice has been to select officers from the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) of the level of the Chief Commissioners of Income-tax on the basis of their service records.

(d) No. Sir.

Cases from Andhra Pradesh pending before BIFR

2652. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of cases from Andhra Pradesh pending before BIFR;

(b) since when they are pending; and

(c) what steps are being taken for early disposal of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) BIFR has reported that references in respect of 42 sick industrial companies of Andhra Pradesh were under various stages of process as on 28.2.94. These include eight cases where winding up notices have been issued, four cases where draft revival scheme have been circulated, seven reopened cases due to unsatisfactory implementation of approved/sanctioned schemes and one case where proceedings have been stayed by the High Court. Barring the reopened/stayed cases all cases registered in 1987 and 1988 with the BIFR have been disposed of;

(c) As the BIFR has to function within the limits of sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and as reasonable opportunity has to be given to all concerned parties at different stages of inquiry, disposal of cases takes time. Every effort is, however, made by the BIFR to expedite disposal of references registered.

Cluster Branch of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru

2653. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a cluster branch of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru, Krishna District Andhra Pradesh has been closed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) what was the administrative expenditure for that branch; and

(d) what are the details of the existing guidelines in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the villages earlier covered by many cluster offices including that of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, were allocated to branches of other banks under service area approach. In a survey conducted by their Hyderabad Regional Office, it was observed that that the cluster office at Kanumuru was encroaching upon the service area of State Bank of India. As such, on the advice of RBI, Andhra Bank had closed the branch in 1991.

(c) The information regarding branch-wise administrative expenditure of banks is not generated by the data reporting system of the RBI.

(d) RBI has reported that there are no specific guidelines for closing of cluster offices.

Representation from agricultural cooperative Societies in Andhra Pradesh

2654. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is considering representation from various Agricultural Co-operative Societies for debt relief to farmers in certain parts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) the names of Societies in Andhra Pradesh whose appeals are pending before Andhra Bank Presently; and

(c) details of such societies in West Godavari District whose representations are being examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR ABRAR AHMED): (a) Andhra Bank has reported that it is not considering any representation from any Agricultural Cooperative Societies for debt relief to farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agriculture and Rural Debt Scheme In Andhra Pradesh

2655. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is yet to implement the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme of 1990 fully and properly in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have monitored the way nationalised banks have gone about implementing the Agricultural and Rural Debt Re-relief scheme of 1990 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Andhra Bank has been made the lead bank for this scheme in some districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the districts where Andhra Bank is the lead bank for implementation of this debt relief scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of primary agricultural cooperative societies which have already benefitted from debt relief under Anhra Bank in West Godavari district, Krishna district, Guntur district and Visakhapatnam district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Andhra Bank has reported that it has implemented the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 fully and properly in